

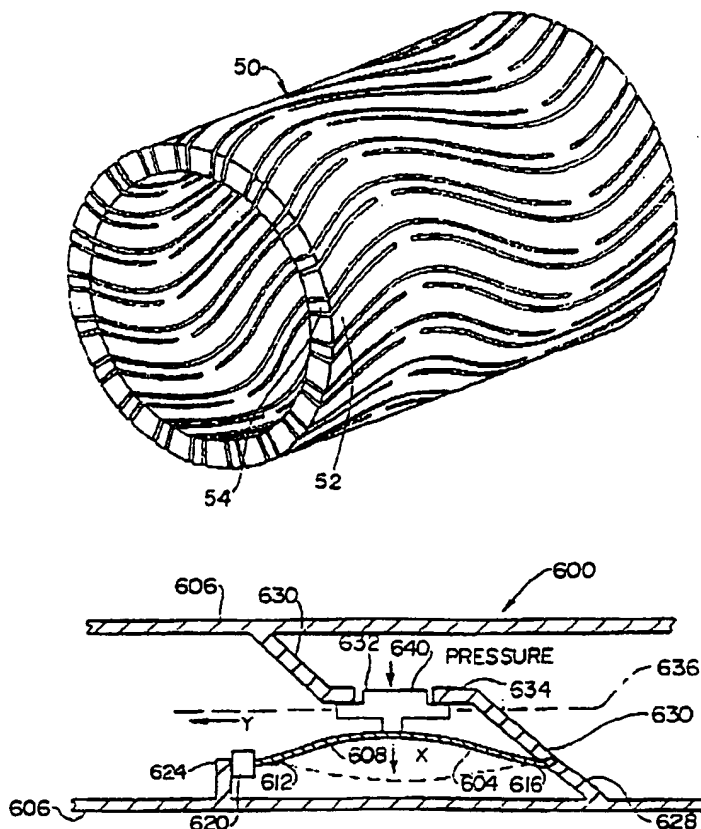


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The present invention is directed to bistable cells and their use in devices, particularly medical devices such as stents, clamps and valves. An expandable stent formed of a plurality of bistable cells is described. The stent has two or more stable configurations, including a first stable configuration with a first diameter and a second stable configuration with a second, larger diameter. A valve comprising a bistable cell for use in eliminating incontinence is also disclosed.



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1. Claims: 1-36, 54-58

A medical device containing at least one unit cell with one relatively flexible segment and one relatively rigid segment

1.1 Claims 1,2,5-29

A unit cell with symmetrical load-displacement

1.2 Claims 1,3,5-29

A unit cell with asymmetrical load-displacement characteristic, most stable in expanded state

1.3 Claims 1,4-29

A unit cell with asymmetrical load-displacement characteristic, most stable in collapsed state

1.4 Claims 30-36

A medical device with a multistable spring system

1.5 Claim 1,54

A clamp

1.6 Claims 55-58

A graft stent with expansion rings

2. Claims: 37-47,65

A stent with a negativ spring constant

3. Claim : 51

A stent with a plurality of diameters

4. Claims: 52, 53

An expandable device

5. Claim : 59

A stent with wavelike members

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6. Claims: 66-71

A bistable valve

7. Claims: 73-77

A medical device with a cell with four rigid segments

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